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Motorcyclist Killed In Collision On State Route 2 In King County

A Shoreline woman was killed when she lost control of her motorcycle on eastbound State Route 2 at MP 61, approximately four miles west of the Stevens Pass Summit. The motorcyclist went off the roadway to the right and crashed going down an embankment. She was ejected from the motorcycle.

The July 31 collision occurred at 12:16 p.m. when the State Patrol received reports that a motorcycle had crashed on State Route 2 about four miles east of the Stevens Pass Summit. According to witnesses, 58 year old Pamela B. Farrell of Shoreline, Washington, was driving her white 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle in the right lane of eastbound State Route 2 when she lost control of her motorcycle and drove off the roadway to the right and down a embankment. The motorcycle crashed going down the embankment, and Farrell was ejected from her motorcycle.

Farrell suffered critical injuries at the scene and was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. Tragically, Farrell succumbed to her injuries and died shortly after arriving at Harborview. Investigators are still trying to determine why Farrell was unable to maintain control of her motorcycle.



Washington State has seen a dramatic increase in motorcycle fatalities. In the last 11 years, motorcycle fatalities have almost doubled in Washington. The vast majority of the fatalities occur in the daytime when the roadways are dry. Lane travel problems are one of the major causes of the daytime fatalities. Sadly, this collision had all of those elements.

The Washington State Patrol reminds motorcycle riders to get a motorcycle endorsement and to take approved motorcycle safety courses. Motorcyclists are encouraged to use their own motorcycle when taking the test for a motorcycle endorsement and when taking approved motorcycle safety courses. That will allow the rider to understand their motorcycle and operate it safely.

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